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SCHOOL FACULTY ANNOUNCED FOR THE TERM OF 1928-'29

Opening Exercises Held Wednesday Morning, August 22nd, 10:00 A. M. In New Auditorium

The 1928-'29 term of Barium Springs High School opened Wednesday morning, August 22nd., with an enrollment of 357. Mr. T. L. O'Kelley, superintendent, announces the faculty for the ensuing year as follows:

Miss Rachel Hanna, Red Springs, N. C., kindergarten.

Mrs. Minnie Massey, Barwick, Ga., Special Primary and First Grade.

Miss Kate McGoogan, Shannon, N. C., Second Grade.

Mrs. R. L. Johnson, Rutherfordton, N. C., Third Grade.

Miss Fannie Foust, Graham, N. C., Fourth Grade.

Miss Irene McDade, Lenoir, N. C., graduate of the Class '24 Barium High School, and Flora McDonald College, teacher Fifth Grade.

Mrs. Lila S. Pennell, Belton, S. C., Sixth Grade.

Mrs. Emma Hostetler, Barium Springs, N. C., Special Intermediate.

Mrs. J. Q. Holton, Winston-Salem, N. C., Principal of the grades, teacher Seventh Grade.

High School

Miss Reba Thompson, Danielsville, Ga., graduate of State Teachers' College, Athens, Ga., afternoon section Eighth Grade.

Miss Myrtle Baldwin, Laurens, S. C., Women's College, Due West, S. C., Latin and French.

Mr. R. McMillan, Mt. Airy, N. C., graduate Davidson College,History and Spelling.

Miss Lois Ellis, Fayetteville, Tenn., graduate Womens' College, Due West, S. C.,and Assembly Training School, Richmond, Va., English and Bible.

Mr. R. L. Johnston, graduate Valporaiso University, Commercial Department.

Miss Eugenia Patterson Mooresville N. C., graduate Flora McDonald College, Domestic Science.

Miss Laura Gray Greene, Roaring River, N. C., Music Department.

Mr. T. L. O'kelley, Danielsville, Ga., graduate University of Ga., Mathematics.

The Pi Counter

"From the Hand that Keeps the World Informed"

The worm has turned. So has vacation season.

Books have been taken up and studies resumed. So it has.

The pigskin is now seen in action and it won't be long until we have grid battles right here at Barium.

And with this announcement comes football preliminaries. And we gather they have inaugurated Fresh, Soph, Junior and Senior teams.

They're popularized with Fleabites, Midgets, Jiggers and Varsity.

But we are prone to think of this rendezvous in August.

Groups have recently been reorganized with some new faces that aspire to positions as boss's assistant.

The boys on the farm who generally make hay when the sun is shining, have something for you in this issue of the Messenger.

Winfred Hall, Ray Clendenin, and Ernest Clark have decided to become Benjamin Franklins.

Archie Greeson says that hereinafter he will keep both feet on the ground, for cutting flips on a balanced ladder is a cu-coo business.

The last of the vacationists—those 60 boys who spent a week on the banks of the Catawba river—are now better described as lobbyists. They were there to see the river go by, and did an overwhelming amount of eating.

But withall the watermelons consumed here during the summer, someone asked me the other day "how long was it til Christmas."

——P. O. H.——

"I'm hard-boiled. See? I sleep on a bed of cactus. I sandpapers de dirt off me mug. I picks me teeth wid a crowbar. I uses resin fer chewin' gum. I drinks tobasco sauce. I looks holes tru steel. I'd go out an' paint th' town red right now, but me wife might get mad."

Table Of August Receipts

Presbytery	August Receipts	Amount Per Mem.	Amount Behind Per Member	Standing last Year
Winston-Salem	$209.94	6½c.	33¾c.	25½c.
Mecklenburg	885.12	5½c.	35 c.	24 c.
Concord	694.47	6½c.	37¾c.	36¾c.
Kings Mountain	164.77	3¼c.	38 c.	34¾c.
Granville	643.43	12½c.	39¾c.	42¼c.
Wilmington	232.79	3 c.	42½c.	46¾c.
Albemarle	48.43	1¼c.	45 c.	39¾c.
Orange	664.49	6½c.	47 c.	49¼c.
Fayetteville	318.15	2¾c.	47¾c.	52½c.
Synod	$3861.59	5.3	40.8	39.2

Did you ever notice the expression on a boy's face when he comes up out of the water after making his first dive? The first expression is one of panic followed by a look of amazement probably at being still alive, followed by a frantic search for a friendly hand to help pull him to safety.

This is not unlike our sensation in the month of September. Every year, against our will, we have to make a plunge in our finances through the summer months. However much we may try to avoid it, we have to pretty nearly do the impossible each year; that is, handle all of the expenses of these rather expensive months with an income less than twenty per cent of the outgo.

We have hoped each year that in some way this condition could be avoided either by having enough left over from the preceeding year to ease us through these lean months of vacation time, or else in some way stir the churches up so that they would take thought of us and provide during the summer time. It seems that both of these conditions are impossible of attainment so at the beginning of the summer months we are like the little chap standing on the spring board realizing that he must make the plunge.

When our head bobs up in September, we find that we have existed somehow. It may be that we have had to detour around all the bank buildings in a radius of fifty miles to avoid the accusing looks of the Cashier and other officials. We may have had to send lots of watermelons to people that we trade with that are expecting a different kind of melon, otherwise known as a "remittance" and resort to many other schemes to make one dollar temporarily do the work of five.

This is the first day of September. The look of amazement at being alive is still on our faces, and we are at present frantically looking for that helping hand. We are desperately in need of ready money, and we hope that your first thought in getting your churches and other organizations organized after their summer vacation time, will be to send us a real remittance.

If we had to run the Orphanage on strictly cash basis, (and many of our people think that this is the way it should be done) we would have had this year to have run the orphanage for five months on the estimated need of less than two months. If we had done this, the children would either have starved to death or would have been sent away. The organization of the Institution would have been broken up and we would face in the fall the task of re-organizing and building up something that had taken years to bring to its present high order—a most uneconomical and wasteful proceeding.

We publish each month, a table of receipts. This is intended to show in as few words as possible, the ratio of income to the ratio of need. It isn't just a mathematical problem, but it means that when the income falls as far behind our needs as is indicated during these summer months that it brings actual distress of some kind here. We try to keep this distress away from the children and to see that they do not suffer for anything needed for their health and well being; but it is impossible to keep the Institution from suffering.

You all haven't the time to come to Barium Springs and to see this for yourselves. If you find any difficulty in realizing our situation, go to the nearest swimming pool, watch some little chap that has never dived before dive into the water; and get a close-up of the expession on his face when he comes up; then think of us and before this gets out of your mind, send us a check.

MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS

Lexington, D. V. B. S., Donation of book satchels and tea towels.

Raleigh, Mrs. Wm. Johnston Andrews, two books for library.

Unknown, Three aprons and wash cloths.

Marion, Mrs. T. J. Gibbs, box of toys.

Mooresville, Mrs. A. E. Brown, chewing gum.

ELLEN BATEMAN

The days of miracles have not passed, as we found out several years ago when little Leroy Cable spent part of an afternoon in November at the bottom of a very cold swimming pool and except for scaring everybody here nearly to death suffered no ill effects.

Another miracle happened on August 25th. Ellen Bateman, with some other girls, were washing windows at the Infirmary. The safe way to go about this, when washing the outside is to sit in the window and wash the lower pane, then run this pane up and the upper down and wash it.

Occasionally someone will try standing on the ledge and washing the outside of the upper pane this way. This usually results in nothing more serious than a severe reprimand by the person in charge of the work.

In Ellen's case, however, it resulted in a fall, and the fall ended practically three stories below on the concrete entrance to the basement. Ellen landed squarely on her head, there not being a bruise of any kind on her body.

Within fifteen minutes after the fall Ellen was at Davis Hospital. Her condition seemed critical, and it appeared as if she would not survive the shock. After lying in a stupor for about twenty hous, she waked up Sunday morning, asked the nurse all about everything, and from then on proceeded to a rapid recovery.

Just one week from the accident she was up and about the campus, with only a pair of black eyes to show for her accident. The first account of the accident appearing in the papers gave the impression, (which her condition at that time indicated) that her recovery was extremely doubtful.

The many letters of sympathy that we received, shows how close to the hearts of our people this family here is. It is with most thankful hearts that we announce Ellen's complete recovery.

THE MENU OF INTERESTING EVENTS

FOOTBALL GAMES

Sept 13	Charlotte Observer vs. Barium	at Barium
Saturday Sept. 22	Barium vs. Winston-Salem	at Win.-Salem
	Davidson vs. Guilford	at Davidson
	Uni. S. C. vs. Erskine	at Columbia
	Clemson vs. Newberry	at Clemson
Friday Sept. 28	Barium vs. Salisbury High	at Salisbury
	N. C. State vs. Elon	at Raleigh
	P. C. vs. Mercer	at Clinton
Saturday Sept. 29	Winston Hi. vs. High Point Hi.	at Winston
	Lincolnton High vs. Lowell	at Lincolnton
	Catawba College vs. Mars Hill	at Mars Hill
	High Point Col. vs. Wofford	at Spart'burg.
	Davidson College vs. Clemson	at Clemson
	Uni. S. C. vs. Chicago	at Chicago
	Duke vs. Furman	at Greenville
	Uni. N. C. vs. Wake Forest	at Chapel Hill
Frid Oct. 5	Barium vs. Concord High	at Barium
	Lincolnton vs. Taylorsville	at Taylorsville
Saturday Oct. 6	Mars Hill vs. Milligan	at Mars Hill
	Catawba vs. Atlantic Christian	at Wilson
	High Point vs. Oglethorpe	at Asheville
	Davidson vs. Elon	at Davidson
	Wake Forest vs. P. C.	at Asheville
	Citadel vs. Stetson	at Charleston
	Wofford vs. Erskine	at Spartanburg
	Clemson vs. Auburn	at Auburn
	Uni. S. C. vs. Uni. Va.	at Charlottesville
	Furman vs. Chattanooga	at Greenville
	Duke vs. South Dakota	at Durham
	Uni. N. C. vs. Maryland	at College Park
	N. C. State vs. Wash-Lee	at Lexington Va
Friday Oct. 12	Barium vs. Statesville	at Barium
	Lincolnton vs. Forest City	at Lincolnton
	Wofford Fresh vs. Erskine Fresh	at Due West
	N. C. State vs. Clemson	at Florence, S. C
	Duke vs. Boston	at Boston
Saturday Oct. 13	Win.-Salem High vs. Spencer	at Win.-Salem
	Oak Ridge vs. Mars Hill	at Greensboro
	Catawba College vs. Elon	at Salisbury
	High Point vs. Erskine	(Undecided)
	Davidson vs. Wofford	at Davidson
	Citadel vs. Newberry	at Charleston
	P. C. vs. Furman	at Greenville
	Uni. S. C. vs. Maryland	at Columbia
	Wake Forest vs. William & Mary	at Williamsburg Va.
	Uni. N. C. vs. Harvard	at Cambridge, Mass.
	N. C. State vs. Clemson	at Florence, S. C.

The above schedules are compiled from information gathered from the institutions named. We are only publishing the doings of the first thirty days of the season. The balance of the season's calendar will appear in the October issue with such changes and additions asmay be made at that time.

LEES' COTTAGE

We'll be glad when it stops raining for a while. Our last watermelons came Monday from McDonald Farm. We have certainly enjoyed them and thank everybody for getting them to us, even "Pop" Lee.

All of the boys are back from their vacation. We still go in swimming every day.

Several of Lees boys went on the camping trip to the river and had a good time even if it did rain most of the time.

We have been having lots of fruit.

Everybody has been innculated for typhoid.

The truck farm group has been making cider to be made into vinegar.

Mr. Johnston took us to walk Sunday afternoon. We certainly enjoyed that.

All the groups have been changed for the coming year.

Some of the boys have lots of fun rolling tires.

Football practice has started now. A good many Lees Cottage boys have gone out for the little teams. We are going to have four teams this year.

School is starting earlier this year and we will get out earlier in the spr-

We did not go to Montreat this year but are expecting to go next year.

Four of Lees boys have gone home to stay; Northa McArten, F. W. Whitlow, Rupert Cable and Earl Kerley.

We have four new boys; Bill Kerr, Dewey Barnhill, and two from Synods Cottage; Jessie Harris and Dick Brown. We are glad to have these at Lees.

Mr. Grier, the shop boss, has a new car. It is a Nash.

Edward Flowers came back from hisvacation Monday. He reports a fine time.

House Cats.

LOTTIE WALKER

First Floor

Well, we are here with nothing to say but "Hello and "Goodbye."

We are very glad to have two girls from the Infirmary to live with us now. It is our hope that they will like it as well here as we do. We also have a few from the second floor.

Our school started August the 21st Everyone seems to be interested in their work. This means that this year will be one of the best ever.

We wish to express our thanks to the people of Statesville for the tickets to the Band Concert. We certainly did enjoy the performance.

We are enjoying the fruit we are getting now. There is an abundance of it. We have most any kind we want and as much as we want.

Miss Adams was very kind to us luring the summer. Taking us to ride and we wish to thank her very much.

Our football boys have started practicing football and it won't be long before we will be out rooting for them. Every one is looking forward to a better team and a winner this season.

Our news seems to be short and so we must say, "Goodbye until next month.

Be Prepared.

Student having failed in an exam all five subjects he took, telegraphed his brother saying, "Failed in all five. Prepare papa."

The brother telegraphed back, "Papa prepared, prepare yourself."

A Drawback.

Neighbor—"Well, Jimmy, how do you like your new little brother?"

Jimmy (age four)—"I don't like him at all. He can't even speak English."

Exposing A Rascal.

Ballplayer—"We gave the umpire fifty bucks to let us win the game."

Friend—"And still you lost?"

Player—"Yeah—the umpire was crooked."

Call Fido.

Diner (finally)—"Anyhow, waiter, I won't each such food! You'd better call the manager."

Waiter—"That's no good, sir. He would not eat it."

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Connie Maxwell Clippings

We always enjoy reading the various orphanage publications that come to our desk. None of these are more enjoyed than the "Connie Maxwell." Dr. Jamison, the editor, not only has worth while thoughts but has the faculty of expressing these thoughts in a pleasing lucid manner.

The July number of the Connie Maxwell has just arrived, and so many good articles are in this that it may appear that we are reprinting the Connie Maxwell in full the reprint below.

We are not reprinting the entire magazine, but just those things that touch us most forcibly.

No doubt, there has appeared in our columns before, ideas like those expressed by the Connie Maxwell. It may add strenth to these to see what some one else has to say about it.

Connie Maxwell Orphanage has long been looked upon as the ideal Orphanage in the South. Dr. Jamison, the veteran Superintendent of this institution, a man who is largely responsible for its present high standards, stands in the forefront of orphanage men in our entire nation.

We hope our readers will read every bit of these clippings from his paper. The article on the Child Welfare League of America is especially worth reading at this time, on account of the contact this organization recently had with our church work.

The Child Welfare League of America has loaned the Survey Committee of our church, a man to make a survey of the Child welfare work in the Southern Presbyterian Church. This survey has been most fully and efficiently carried out, and the value of the work has been made more worthwhile, because the Child Welfare League is just what it is as described by Dr. Jamison.

"It is quite common to have letters from one kind friend or another using the expressions, "I plead most earnestly for the admission of these children." If the friends only knew it they might save their ink while writing the plea. congressman, or influential people is not required. It use to be the case that If the child is in need he presents his own plea and the eliquence of pastors, the strongest plea and the greatest pressure was likely to secure the admission of a child. It is a happy circumstance that such a situation has passed and that we now have a skilled social worker to investigate each case thoroughly and give an accurate recommendation as to procedure."

"All over the country the people are spending more money for dependent children than in former years. We are doing it at Connie Maxwell. We are offering children far better advantages than we did twenty years ago. Has this change come about because of any special ambition on our part to shine?. Not by any means. The change has come about because the people who support the work have demanded that a better quality of work be done. The people who support this work are doing better by their own children than they were able to do many years ago. They are giving them better care and providing them with better opportunities. As the average child in the average home has improved and enlarged privileges so has the child in the institution. It is not therefore extravagance that has brought up the expense of the child care all over this country of ours. It is the simple, normal growth that demands better things because all the people are enjoying improvements and privileges that at one time were not afforded."

"Why not mix the feeble-minded, the cripple, the blind and the incorrigible at one institution Every now and then this question is presented by some earnest advocate who is insisting that the children in whom he is interested shall be received at Connie Maxwell. Strange to say we are occasionally urged by trained social workers to receive the feeble-minded, or those otherwise handicapped. It ought to be apparent to any person who has a fair degree of common sense that handicapped children call for special methods. We have never claimed to be equipped to deal with any children other than those in the normal class. We have no methods that meet the needs of such a blind or a deaf child. There are methods that meet the needs of such children and there are schools equipped to give them such attention as will bring them forward in a thorough education. We have not such equipment, nor would it be advisable for us to try to install such. It ought to be plain enough to a sensible person that we cannot possibly handle to advantage the children who are subnormal mentally. There is a splendid school for such a class and the methods that prevail in that school meet the need of such children.. The methods at Connie Maxwell would not apply to feeble-minded children, nor could we bring them forward in any way that would be helpful to them. So when restricting ourselves to normal children we are following the line that was laid down by the Trustees a great many yeears ago, and also the line that is accepted by all workers in the child welfare field."

—The Connie Maxwell.

THE REAL TASK IN ORPHANAGE WORK

Some might say that the main job of the executive is to find money for current support. Others might say that his chief work ought to be that of securing money for new buildings for enlargement and for general improvement of equipment. Such a superficial view does not present the real task. If the truth were known it is a more responsible and a more serious task to spend the money in a proper way than it is to secure it. One might say the main task confronting one who attempts to run an institution is that of keeping a strong grip upon the children to keep them under. It is no small thing to handle a child or a set of children, and yet that is not all by any means that one is called upon to do in assuming direction of a work like this. The importance of the strong grip has perhaps received more emphasis than is called for even though it is of course necessary to exercise direction and control Our real task is given us in the example of our blessed Lord. He took a little child into his arms and pronounced His blessing upon him. That picture suggests to our minds more than could possibly be put into a few words. His sympathy and understanding touch our hearts, and without doubt he had an appreciation of what was in the child as a possibility. If we follow His example we will certainly accept as our chief task that of loving, protecting and directing the child so that he may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.—The Connie Maxwell.

A PLEA FOR THE CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE

We have seen many a parent exerting himself to the utmost to provide advantages for a child when the child did not want what the parent was trying to supply. It seems strange enough, and yet it is the very truth to say that the child is often not appreciative of the love and kindly thoughts of the parent. The truth is, a parent may be doing his possible best for a youngster who does not give co-operation, but on the other hand offers opposition. If the youngster could only be brought to realize that the father or mother is offering only what is best the child would of course respond to avail himself of every privilege. The child is in opposition because he does not really understand what the parent is trying to do, or else is unwilling for the moment to practice the self-denial that may perhaps be demanded in order that the best may be realized. The parent with his superior wisdom and his broad outlook is sure of what is best for the child. The little fellow does not have the ability to get such a comprehensive view as the parent possesses, and he is therefore not only non-co-operative, but quite frequently antagonistic.

The parable fits in a remarkable way the situation of the Child Welfare League of America. This body is doing the finest piece of child welfare work and its workers travel long distances far and near. The quality of ability of the workers employed on the staff of the League is the finest that love or money could either of both provide. No organization on our continent has which this country can boast. It embraces the continent in its activity assembled such authoritative persons in any special field. The men and women employed by the League have been selected because of the high attainments they have reached in the field of child wefare. Every member of the staff is in full sympathy with the object of the League, which simply and briefly stated is to raise the standards for the care of dependent, delinquent, deserted, or distressed children.

It sounds so simple to say that the great single purpose of the League is to raise standards in the field of child welfare. Simple as it may sound however one might throw out a broad challenge to all men to produce an object more difficult of realization. The little child has been neglected for so long a time, and has been exploited by so many persons and by so many classes that many feel that almost "anything will do" for him. The plain but disagreeable truth remains that only a small proportion of the organized work done in this country for dependent children is of a high quality. The low quality of work that has been done has been tolerated only because the helpless child could not speak for himself and had no authoritative voice to be spokesman for him. Isn't it a shame that it should be possible for one to say that in this favored land of ours the most of the work done for neglected or orphan children is of a second rate quality, or even poorer than that? We insist that it is the truth to say that most of it has been poor in quality.

Now the Child Welfare League as stated above has entered the field for the express purpose of trying to raise standards. And the miracle is that in attempting so praiseworthy a work the League has met many obstacles and by no means the high encouragement that should have been accorded it. As a general proposition one would say that all childrens' agencies would fairly tumble over each other to get into contact with the League, find ways by which work might be improved, and devote themselves heartily to the improvement of all methods. Unfortunately this cannot be stated as a fact in some cases happily it has been true. There are a number of agencies that have been diligent to embrace every opportunity to secure further and better knowledge and raise standards. Alas, that such an attitude has not been prevalent everywhere.

To go back to the little parable in the introductory paragraph, two rather recent experiences may be reported. One was at a conference and at the hotel a group of child placing people were discussing the League. It was an unspeakable surprise to hear criticism and antagonism. The drift of the conversation was to the effect that it was impossible to raise standards at the present time, or to raise them at any time so high as the League argued for. These workers thought that they were doing very well indeed to handle as many children as were shown in annual reports. They felt that it would be impossible to secure additional workers. They were sure also that members of their constituency would not indorse effort to secure thoroughly trained workers at increased salaries to improve the work. They felt quite sure that it would be a perfectly impossible proposition to put on a staff large enough to pay visits to all children in their care with the frequency called for by the standards of the League. The discussion waxed almost unfriendly as one or another went on to suggest that the members of the staff of the Child Welfare League realize that a set of workers for children were so opposed to the bettering of conditions and the raising of standards.. But the spirit of those who took part in the conversation could not be mistaken. The attitude was entirely too plain, and if there was opposition to the general drift of conversation such opposition did not find expression.

At a later time and rather recently, a group of institution people were discussing the Child Welfare League. Strange to say they were not entirely sympathetic. One executive made the startling announcement that members of the League "did not know it all!" Another said that his institution was too poor and his people were too poor to attempt the forward-looking suggestion that the League had intimated they should take. Another expressed himself to the effect that members of the League were not altogether sympathetic with institutions anyway. And so the conversation went on in this direction. One could not escape the feeling almost of consternation that some of these leaders in the field of child welfare did not really want to be helped up to a very high position. So here we have a tip-top, unmatched agency working for the elevation of standards and many of those who are in the actual direction of affairs are not willing to be helped. How one wishes that every person connected with childrens' agency either for the placing of children in family homes or for the rearing of children in institutions, might be willing to avail himself of the very best advice and of the richest, finest suggestions that could be offered in the way of elevating standards for children.

By way of conclusion let it be remarked that the Child Welfare League of America has a difficult time to secure funds to carry forward its far-reaching activities. It has nothing spectacular in its methods or in its appeal. It has therefore been difficult to arouse the interest of large givers. Its appeals are not always responded to generously by those who most need its help If one of its appeals should at any time come before the readers of the Connie Maxwell, we hope they will listen with an open heart and mind and send a generous check. We vouch for the League if we can find anyone to vouch for us. If one is willing to take our word upon the subject we assert that its appeal is of utmost urgency and worth.—The Connie Maxwell.

SUMMER DOINGS

In the last isue of the Messenger we had a few of the summer time activities. Of course, there was a continual coming and going all during the summer of children visiting relatives and friends. New children were coming in every week also.

Possibly you might get the notion that all the fun was in the vacations; that we who stayed behind did not have any fun at all. Well, to just disapprove that idea, we want to tell you how many watermelons we ate: We have just finished figuring this up as the watermelon crop is now finished, and find that we have eaten 1,235 big, nice melons. We sold at the farm in Robeson County, 150 melons and paid two trucks for hauling melons from the farm to Barium, 220, making a total of 1,605 melons raised on one five-acre field. The total net value to the orphanage for these melons is estimated at $603.50.

This is the way it looks on the books. That doesn't begin to tell the number of splendid watermelon feasts that we had from this number. We would haul them up from the Farm, put them in cold storage and then each day distribute to each cottage, its capacity and we noted that that capacity increased from day to day, until toward the last most any boy or girl could dive into a watermelon and leave nothing but a few seed and a very thin rind.

In addition to the watermelons, we have had an abundance of fruit. Apples, grapes and peaches. While our own peach orchards did not have a full crop, we have been getting a load occasionallly donated by the growers in the Sandhills. Mr. M. C. McDonald of West End being our particular Angel. Mr. McDonald never forgets Barium Springs, and is instrumental, even when peaches are not plentiful, in seeing that we get a liberal share.

This year we have received messages both by telegram and by phone to send to other places, but the West End folks helping out has supplied us so liberally that we have had to decline the other offers with thanks.

We noticed in the paper that one of the orphanages was opening their swimming pool after being closed for two years, and that makes us realize what a boon our own swimming pool s. If for any reason, it should be closed up for one or two days, we think it would cause more distress here than burning down a building. Every day and every hour of the day, somebody is in that pool. The house cats usuallly have to have a dip before getting seriously to work in the morning; then Synod Cottage boys usually have their swim. By ten or eleven o'clock, there are always some dairy boys off duty. Immediately after dinner, also, other dairy boys. At three o'clock the girls have it until five; and in five minutes after five t looks as if every boy in Iredell County was either in the pool or headed toward the pool. After supper there is always a large bunch in, also.

As one of the finel events of the vacation period, the camp at the River deserves a little more than just passing attention. For the last four or five years all the boys who do not get a vacation have been making camp on the river banks and trying to consume the entire visible supply of food stuff n this end of the state. This year there were sixty boys and they had a wonderful time. It nearly always rains while we are on camp, and as we needed rain very much this year, we moved our camp up a few weeks earlier, and the present flood is evidently the result! The boys either suffer too much rain or too much sunshine. The sunshine blisters their backs; this year we have both.

There were two days of sunshine which managed to pull the skin off all the exposed portions of every boy that went in the river (and this meant all of them) and it rained every night, so that we had both discomforts which apparently made our camp a greater success than ever.

On one day of camp, the last, forty girls who had had no vacation visited and spent the day and helped wind up the week with an extra good time.

If we thought any of our readers would believe us, we would give the totals of food consumed at this place. When we think of it, we think of it first with amusement, and then with a little bit of consternation. It is like looking at a fire burning up a barn; we realize that fire is very necessary for our comfort and well being, but when a fire gets loose, its very destructive. That's the way children's appetites are when they are on camp, as compared with the orderly little appetites that will only consume a third of the weight of a boy or girl in a given period of time. When they are on camp, there is absolutely no bounds to it. During the week, there were consumed 150 pounds of wienies four crates of eggs; four hundred and eighty loaves of bread; six bushels of Irish potatoes; about two acres of roasting ears; eighty watermelons; ten bushels of peaches, etc ad infinitum!

As this is being written, it is just one week until schoool commences. Groups are being arranged and the schedule prepared for the carrying on of school work; the other work of the place and football practice.

Strange to say, practically everybody on the place is saying that they are anxious for school to commence. Isn't that funny?

And the best part of it is that they really mean it.

Who Said "Ain't Goin' Rain no More," Queries Farm Boys

Recent Heavy Rains Do Inestimable Damage To Corn Crop—Other Items.

FARM DEMONSTRATION HELD

Well, well, here we are after another month has rolled by with out anything happening except putting away about five or six truck loads of watermelons.

Well, the farm hasn't much to do right now. There has been so much rain here lately that it is too wet to do much work. About the first of August it was too dry to do anything and now the moon fulls twice in August, so the grass will make a crop yet. Crops were damaged badly during a storm that visited the campus on the 11th, laying corn flat, with water from hill to hill, and unusually strong winds that blew down heavy timber. The corn crop is at that stage where it impossible to straighten, so about all we have to do now is repair work and grind barley with our new mill. That sure is a fine job for us on a rainy day.

Last week three of our mules Cordy, Net and Nell decided they needed a short vacation so during the night, they broke out of the lot and took "French Leave."

Mr. Cavin changed his "Lizzy" for an Oakland, and now he looks like a million dollars.

Mack Walton the flash who takes Earl Kerley's place during the summer was out to feed hogs last Sunday afternoon for the first in ages.

Willard Ayers, our smallest boy tiping the scales at fifty five gained two pounds last week eating watermelons.

William Billy MacKay received a letter from one of his girls, the one which lives in Troutman I think, and took a day off from work to answer it; watch out Bill.

Last Tuesday Robert Templeton, a colored worker on our group found a wagon that only needed four wheels one bed and one pair of shafts to be complete.

Robert Pittman, one of our dignifi seniors, has just recovered from an operation for appendicitis and is getting along just fine.

We now have a new grain mill which saves ourselves of our weekly trip to the big city of Troutman.

Bill MacKay went down to "West End" Monday, and my, but you ought to have heard him talking about the pretty girls down there at the peach packing plants. He surely did fall —along with "Pop" Lee.

Mr. A. L. Brown, farm boss at McDonald Farm, came up the other day and was accompanied by about half of his family.

We had a farm demonstrator here August 9th, who came up to hold a demonstration and show us how to hitch a string of mules to a heavy load and pull it with "tractor ease." This was handled with six and eight mule teams. The interesting part of this was the swiftness connected with the hitches.

Mr. Cavin has been sick for a short time. He is getting better now.

Clinton Caudill, an old "customer" that used to work on the farm, came back to see us the other day. He spent a short time with us. We surely did enjoy him and hated to see him leave.

By the way, the Messr. Nesbits are building a rabbit cage. We are expecting to eat rabbit meat this winter instead of hogs as heretofore.

Abner saw Eb coming down the road the other day, and said to one of the boys: "That's my friend, and he's a human dynamo."

The boy: "How come Ab?"

Ab: "Because every thing he has on is charged."

This is all, so station F A R M will sign off.

The "GANG."

——P. O. H.——

Colored Laborer: "Boss, will you please, sir, 'vance me twenty-five cents on my time? Our deacon is gwine away, and we wants to give him a little momentum."

Mr. Ford gave Mr. Rockefeller a new Ford car for his birthday present. And now another cash customer will have to wait a while.—Kansas City Star.

There was a shy young man who wanted to propose to his lady love but could never muster up the courage. Finally, he took her to his family plot in the cemetery and said: "Wouldn't you like to be buried here some day?"

HOWARD COTTAGE

Vacation time is over and school time is here. We have had a fine vacation and we are sorry it is over.

But we have much to look forward to in school as we will be in a new grade and we will want to study hard to make our grade.

We have had lots of fun in the swimming pool this summer, but when we start to school we won't have much time to go in.

We have been enjoying the peaches and watermelons so much that we wish summer would never end.

The changing of school means the changing of a lot of girls from one cottage to another. We are sorry to have to give up so many of our largest girls to Rumple Hall but their places are being filled with little girls from Annie Louise Cottage and some new girls coming in. So we are not lonesome for very long.

The inside walls of our house are being painted and we are anxious to see how our rooms will look when they are finished.

Two of our teachers, Miss Foust, and Mrs. Holton, have returned and we expect the others Monday as school commences Tuesday.

PHYLLIS MORGAN.

——P. O. H.——

RUMPLE HALL

Well folks, here we are again and just six more days before school begins.

This has been a week of continual rain and storms. We are thankful not to live too near a river.

Our dining room matron, Miss Overman, returned from her vacation Tuesday the 14th of August. We are glad to have her back with us. We have had loads of watermelons this month and are still getting a lot of fruit. Three of our girls are leaving us to go to the Woman's Building. One has already gone.

We had a good picture Friday night about "Easy Pickin's." Many of the girls were scared because it was so spooky.

Hope to have plenty of school news next month. Mae Belle Knox.

ANNIE LOUISE COTTAGE

We shall soon be going back to school. We don't mind it, though, for we had a nice vacation.

This year we are going to have two teachers in our cottage: Miss Eugenia Patterson, the Domestic Science Teacher; and Miss Irene McDade, the Fifth Grade Teacher. We certainly are glad to have them with us.

One of our large girls has moved to the Woman's Building—Helen Brown. We sure were sorry to see her leave, but we welcome Martha Beattie who came from the Infirmary and who is taking Helen's place.

Five of our girls are still on their vacations, but they will soon be back. Then our family will be altogether again.

We are having our share of peaches —good juicy ones. My, how we enjoy them!

——P. O. H.——

The sweet young thing turned to the polite young man who was showing her through the factory and asked: "What is that big thing over there?"

"That is a locomotive boiler," he replied.

"Why do they boil locomotives?"

"To make the locomotive tender." And the polite young man continued to look straight ahead.

SUPPORT FUND

Lenior Church by a Friend	20.00
Alamance Church	44.39
Aux. Bethesda	.45
Bethel Church	1.73
Aux. Buffalo (L)	.75
Graham Church	32.05
Greensboro 1st Church	352.72
Griers Church	.75
Buffalo (L) S. S.	6.50
Bethesda Church	1.65
Graham S. S.	3.51
Leaksville Church	2.32
Mebane Church	20.00
Piedmont Church	.45
Red House Church	9.00
Sanford Church	20.70
Speedwell Church	3.76
Westminster Church	39.31
White Hall Church	1.79
Yanceyville Church	.52
The Four-Square Class, Raleigh 1st	5.25
Brotherhood Bible Class, Salisbury 1st	25.00
Mocksville S. S.	10.08
Charlotte 2nd Church Regular	250.00
Charlotte 2nd Church Special	397.60
Willing Hearts Mis. Society - Cameron	20.00
Aux. Westminster	12.00
Unity S. S.	7.00
Aux. Oxford	8.00
Morven S. S.	6.20
Plaza S. S.	11.50
Aux. Westminster	10.90
St. Andrews Church	46.00
Clarkton Church	13.12
Immanuel Church	10.80
Aux. Mt. Olive	5.62
Mt. Zion Church	3.60
Winter Park Church	8.65
Jr. C. E. Montpelier	1.00
Raleigh 1st Church	55.12
Wilmington 1st Church	95.00
Pineville S. S.	5.43
Fayetteville 1st Church	17.00
Winston-Salem 1st Church	150.00
West End S. S.	7.33
Aux. Howard Memorial	16.50
New Hope S. S.	7.29
Aux. Circles, Kings Mt.	18.00
Aux. Thyatira	2.00
Aux. Henderson	16.00
Concord 1st Church, Mrs. Allison	10.00
Bethel S. S.	5.00
Aux. Mt. Pisgah	2.00
Aux. Waugh Town	2.50
Sanford S. S.	10.00
Aux. Belmont	12.00
Aux. Caldwell Memorial	3.75
Jonesboro S. S.	5.14
McPherson Church	7.50
Aux. Charlotte 2nd	75.00
Covenant Church	4.32
Cramerton Church	9.00
Aux. Cramerton	1.80
Rutherfordton Church	7.92
Union Church	3.60
Aux. Wilmore	10.00
S. S. High Point	75.00
Back Creek Church	6.74
Bayless Memorial Church	1.13
Bethpage Church	4.49
Centre Church	7.13
Cleveland Church	9.95
Concord First Church	53.13
Davidson Church	30.00
Fifth Creek Church	3.98
Franklin Church	3.51
Gilwood Church	4.13
Hickory Church	43.14
Kannapolis Church	2.53
Mooresville First Church	153.71
Morganton Church	15.00
Quaker Meadows Church	3.75
Salisbury First Church	73.30
Salisbury Second Church	39.66
Shiloh Church	.97
Thyatira Church	7.59
Unity Church	2.27
Aux. Raleigh First	11.00
Church-in-the-Pines	15.00
Aux. Circle 14, Charlotte Second	25.00
Aux. Pinehurst	20.00
Aux. Big Rockfish	7.39
S. S. Big Rockfish	6.61
Trinity Avenue S. S.	12.00
Wilson S. S.	24.62
Lexington S. S.	10.84

CLOTHING MONEY

Earnest Workers, Graham	22.50
Aux. Stony Creek	3.50
Aux. Howard Memorial, Mrs. B. Mabry Hart	5.00
Beg. and Pri. Dept., Washington	4.76
Mrs. W. A. Sharpe, Greensboro	5.00

On May 12, 1928 Aux. Lumberton was credited $45 to Support Fund. This should have been Clothing Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT

A Fayetteville Friend	6.00
F. P. Tate, Morganton	6.00
Dr. Wilbert Jackson, Clinton	8.33
R. F. Lewis, Boliva	1.00
Carrie Presson, Unionville	1.00
A Newton Friend	35.00
Mr. W. E. West, Southport	10.00
Frankie Browning, D. V. B. S. Burlington	2.00
Mauda McPherson, Cameron	10.00
Robt. M. Torrence, Durham	20.00

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——P. O. H.——

"Please!"

"No."

"Oh, please do."

"Positively, no."

"Please just this time."

"I said no."

"Aw, Maw, all the boys are going barefooted now."

Judge Hyatt Advocates Law To Aid Mothers

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, Aug. 16—(AP)—A mother's aid law in North Carolina was advocated by Judge Carl B. Hyatt, of the Buncombe Juvenile court, speaking today at the closing session of the State association of county commissioners annual convention.

The State has not yet kept step in the field of social progress with its material strides, Judge Hyatt told the commissioners, who deplored the necessity for institutional care of children made orphans by death or left dependent by desertion of the family bread-winner.

"Dramas far more terrible than any depicted upon the stage," he declared, "are being enacted in the daily life of the State of North Carolina. It is a harrowing process to sit through scenes separating good mothers from their children, and such tragedies are so vividly depicted upon my heart that I am here and now dedicating my life to the end that the great State of North Carolina shall enact a Mother's Aid law commensurate with the needs of North Carolina."

"A mother's care is the natural right of every child," the speaker said, "and the state has no right to break up families, segregate children in institutions and mothers in poor houses because they have lost the 'bread winner.' It is the duty of the State to encourage the maintaining of homes, to aid the mothers in keeping their children about them for citzenship in a Democracy, which is the family. Is a child entitled to a home and mother? It costs less for a home and mother and yet society generally pays more and substitutes the institution. Mother love and mother care are powerful preventives of juvenile delinquency."

The above clipping from the News and Observer, we hope will be read by all of our people.

There is just one aspect of this Mothers' Aid reaction that is mentioned in Judge Hyatt's speech that is proving somewhat of a bar to the successful operation of this splendid department.

In our investigation of applications to enter children into the Orphanage, we run across numbers of cases where Mothers' Aid is much more suitable, and when we find that it is available we recommend it to the mother and the friends interested in getting the children into an Orphanage.

Quite often we are met with this response: "We haven't quite sunk so low as to have to accept charity from the state. We want these children in the Orphanage so that we can go ahead and support ourselves."

Now, something is wrong with that sort of thinking. We do not think it is quite as much accepting charity from the state which recognizes it as sound economics to help a deserving mother keep her family with her, as to use church money that is needed so desperately in many fields for the support of the children in the churches institutions.

A good deal of preaching has been done apparently to convert the Orphanage into believing in Mothers' Aid. There isn't an Orphanage in the state that we know of that isn't most glad to cooperate with this excellent agency in the work that it is doing. We think a good deal of preaching, however, should be done to the various communities to let them see that there's nothing disgarceful about accepting Mothers' Aid; that it isn't "receiving charity" any more than receiving help from the orphanages is "charity."

When this idea is gotten across one of the most irritating, aggravating bars to the more successful operation of the Mothers' Aid agency will have been removed, and North Carolina will be by just that much a pleasanter state to live in.

SYNOD COTTAGE

Vacation days are over for us. We are glad to start school again, and we are going to study hard this winter.

We all enjoyed our vacation. Some of us visited relatives and others went on a camping trip. After all it is good to be back in Synods Cottage again.

Two of our boys have gone to make their home at Lee's Cottage, they are Dick Brown and Jesse Harris.

Two boys came up from the Baby Cottage to live with us. We hope they will like their new Cottage.

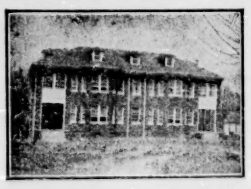
We have been enjoying the nice fruit and melons.

Miss Taylor is away taking a vacation.

We are glad the football season is here we are looking forward to seeing a lot of good games and also getting some practice ourselves under our coaches Mr. McMillan and Mr. Jackins.

——P. O. H.——

BABY COTTAGE



Well vacations are over and we are glad to have our family all home again. Three of our big girls have been promoted to the Womans' Building and we have three others to take their places. We hope all of them will be happy in their new work.

School will open in a few days and I think we will all be glad to settle down to regular work again after a most pleasant summer. We are looking forward with pleasure to seeing our teachers, especiallly we babies can hardly wait to see Miss Hanna.

We thank Mr. Johnston and everyone else who helped make it possible for us to have such a grand vacation.

Those of our big girls who didn't go away spent a day on the river at the boys camp and it is useless to say that they had a wonderful time when Mr. Johnston was there to see that they were entertained. They came home tired but not hungry.

The watermelons have been great and we are sorry the season for them is about over but we are glad to have nice peaches and hope they will last a long time yet. We have enjoyed both more than we can tell.

We are glad to have Miss Helen Herman with us for a while. She too will be going to her winter work soon.

Miss Moore enjoyed a little visit from her brother Thomas Moore last week.

We miss our little Jack who is having to stay at the Infirmary for a while but we hope to have him home very soon.

——P. O. H.——

INFIRMARY

Jack McCall is with us for a few days. He is a sunny little fellow and his merry songs can be heard all down the hall.

Clifton Vann, Charles Fort, and Ben Morrow are with us. All are suffering from some accidents to their feet. If they could send their feet here without their heads the work wouldn't be so hard in the kitchen.

Little Miss J. Rae Edwards called on us Wednesday with her parents. They told us there would be a call every week and we know of no one more welcome than this lovely baby.

This is the time of the year when the children play, "one flew east and one flew west and one flew over the coocoo's nest. Martha Beaty left us for Annie Louise, Mozelle Beck, Minnie McArten and Pearl Beaver have gone to the Woman's Building.

Jessie Roper and Jeanette Steel are helping Mrs. Purdy. Bonnie Brown and Nettie Miller are helping to make the sick well.

Friday morning everyone was feeling happy. If they had been asked why they would have told you it was because Mrs. Purdy had returned.

While she had a delightful visit among her friends and relatives her journey home was rather dangerous one, bad roads, washed out bridges and a near accident did not give her much time to enjoy the trip.

McMillan's "Tornado" Preparing For Grid Season, Opening Sept. 13th

First Scheduled Game of Season to Be Played at Barium Sept. 13—Fleabites to Play at Carolina-Davidson Game

SAPP BROTHERS ASSISTS COACH

Seven Letter Men Included In This Year's Line-up. Other Material

The Barium football team has started training for the 1928 season. The season includes some very hard games and it will take a mighty good team to repeat the triumphs of last year.

Seven letter men are returning for this year. They are; L. West, Brown, Hudson, M. Lee, C. Clark, Potter, J. West. Promising backfield material from last years Midgets and other sources, are: B. MacKay, Bradley Oliver, Boyette, Donaldson, Blue. Julian West, last season center, has been moved to the quarterback position. Promising line material: J. B. Lee, H. Clark, Ayers, King, Murrell, Pittman, Hunt, Shaffer and East.

Odell Sapp, Carolina End, and Henry Sapp, George Washington University Halfback, will work with the squad for two weeks. They will assist Mr. McMillan in whipping the team into shape for the coming season. Jackins, Captain of the 1927 team, will be assistant coach this year.

The big games of the season will be with Winston-Salem High School, Lexington, Statesville and Belmont Abbey College.

The Midget Team will probably play games with Charlote Observer, Mooresville Mocksville, Statesville and Salisbury.

The Fleabites will be completely equipped with regular suits. Their big games will be with Statesville, Salisbury and Charlotte. The biggest of all will be played on November 17 at Carolina-Davidson game.

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VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 13—Charlotte Observer at Barium.
Sept. 22—Winston-Salem at Winston.
Sept. 28—Salisbury at Salisbury.
Oct. 5—Concord at Barium.
Oct. 12—Statesville at Barium.
Oct. 19—Lincolnton at Barium.
Oct. 26—Lexington at Lexington.
Nov. 1—Winston-Salem Methodist Orphans at Winston-Salem.
Nov. 8—(Open.)
Nov. 15—Davidson at Barium.
Dec. 1—Belmont Abbey College at Charlotte.

LOTTIE WALKER
Second Floor

Everybody will be telling you that school has begun so I will tell it the first thing. Of course we enjoyed vacation but after a while we had enough of it and really were glad to start back to school again, though it is rather trying to have to work problems and wrestle with Latin the sehot afternoon, but we can do it if others can! We have three new teachers and are hoping they will be happy here and learn to love Barium.

We will not have so many truck rides now, but we certainly did enjoy them this summer. The last ride we took was ten miles on the new highway to the new bridge over the river and you should have seen that river! It was four feet high and had been twenty four!

We saw evedence of it all around.

Two of our girls have gone home, five have gone to other cottages and quite a number of new ones have come to us so we feel like a new family. We have all been distressed over Ellen Bateman's accident. She was helping clean windows at the Infirmary Saturday and when the sceens gave way she fell to the cement pavement below they rushed her to the Davis hospital in Statesville where they are doing every thing for her. She regained conscience Sunday and we hope she will soon be able to come back to us.

Moral, don't wash windows especially on the outside.

—P. O. H.—

IREDELL HARD HIT BY FLOOD

Damage to Crops Estimated by Farm Agent at $300,000; Corn and Cotton Suffer.

(Special to The Charlotte Observer)

Statesville, Aug. 15—The damage to growing crops in Iredell by overflowing streams during the past week has been variously estimated at from $10,000 to $300,000. The estimated loss to the farming interests does not include washing of land.

Basing his estimate on the value of the corn and cotton crops for the past year in Iredell county E. S. Millsaps farm agent for the piedmont district of North Carolina, figuring the cotton damaged eight per cent and the corn crop 25 per cent, said damage to the present crops would be around $300,000, instead of $10,000, as was estimated by F. T. Meacham, superintendant of the Piedmont Experiment station.

SUPPORT FUND

Mis. Soc. Mitchiner Mem.	2.31
Warrenton S. S.	2.56
Men's Bible Class, Westminster	19.39
Durham S. S.	10.00
Thyratira S. S.	12.36
Aux. Flat Rock	1.00
McPherson S. S.	7.10
Aux. Lowell Covenant	1.00
Laurinburg Church	115.17
Young Men's Bible Class, Staesville First	25.00
Ashpole S. S.	6.87
North Pres. Church	22.43
Maroin S. S.	6.00
Union Mills S. S.	1.10
Bayless Mem. Aux.	6.00
Belmont S. S.	18.31
St. Paul's S. S.	42.00
S. S. Concord First	83. 93
Aux. Circles 1, 2, 3, Glenwodd	3.00
Men's Bible Class, Cramerton	16.67
Aux. Salisbury Second	5.00
Aux. Philadelpus	20.00
Aux. Greensboro First	17.00
Aux. Durham First	14.00
First Church Durham	500.00
Rutherfordton S. S.	5.86
Dallas S. S.	25.40
Front St. S. S.	7.63
Aux. Back Creek	1.00
W's Bible Class Salisbury	10.00
Wadesboro S. S.	10.00
Mt. Olive Church	50.00
Martson S. S.	3.25
Shiloh S. S.	32.50
Mocksville S. S.	8.49
Little Joe's S. S.	7.44
Aux. Circle 15, Charlotte 2nd.	6.00
Aux. Waughtown	2.50
McKinnon S. S.	25.00
Aux. Varina	9.50
Jennie K. Hill's Bible Class, Rocky Mt. First	5.00
Warrenton Church	4.60
Rock Branch S. S.	110.18
Morven S. S.	5.00
Total	$3,861.59

—P. O. H.—

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT

A friend at Barium	2.50
A Barium friend	15.00
Mrs. W. C. Via, Wadesboro	10.00
Total	$126.83

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WHY NOT?

"Bill, what is a quarterback?"

"Quarterback? Why its a 25-cent refund."

EPITAPH

I'll sleep in peace 'til I hear Gabe's horn;
It's the first real sleep since the twins was born.

PATIENT

Farmer—"Why did it take you so long to put the bridle on that horse?"

Farmhand (from city)—"I had to wait until he yawned to get the bit in his mouth."

A FAST ONE

A pretty girl lost her gove. The finder was an old bachelor named Page, and he returned it to her with this note:

"If from your glove you take the leter 'G',
Then glove is love and that I have for thee."

To this the girl replied:

"If from your name you take the leter 'P',
Then Page is age, and that won't do for me.

NOW THAT WAS A BRIGHT IDEA!

Mr. —was driving a party of friends recently, and the air in one of the tires leaked ont. Mr. — had no pump in the automobile. Several persons in the automobile party offered a number of solutions to relieve the trouble. Finally Mrs. — said: "John, leave the automobile here and you walk to the filling station for air!"

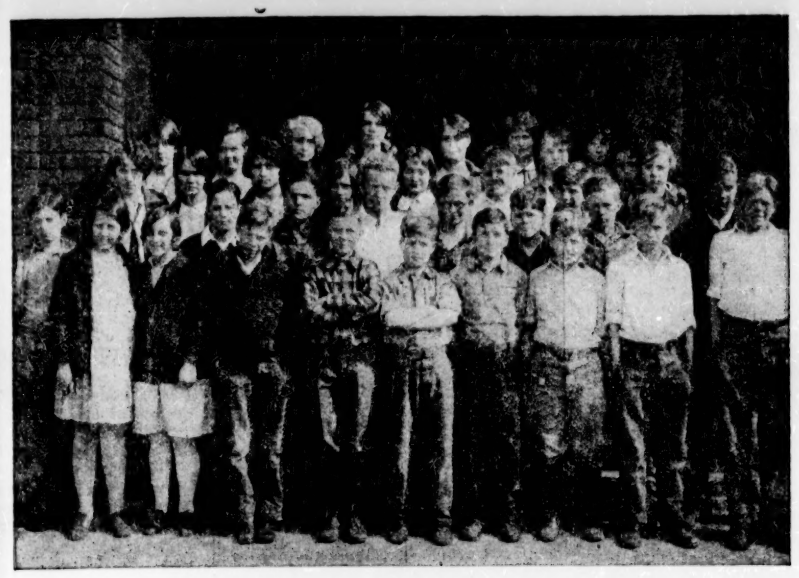
ASK POULTRY EDITOR WOOD

"Is a chicken big enough to eat when it's three weeks old?"

Rookie—"Why of course not."

Scout—"Then how does it live?"

The Rising Eighth Grade



TAKE a squint at what was dumped into the High School this year. All this crowd with a few from the *Special Seventh* are now high school students, and for fear you may not think they are very important, just let me describe them a little bit. There were some pretty high marks made in this grade. Although they didn't any of them win a medal, still they kept the ones who did get the medal, eternally on the jump. Not only were they good in books, but they were good in athletics. This class pretty nearly made up the undefeated *Mosquito* football team of 90-pound limit. There are nine members of this team in this class. In addition to that, there is one who played on the *Midget* team. Several of the girls were shining lights on the second string basketball, and will certainly make the first team this year.

We predict great things for that Mosquito Football Team. These boys have played together since they were fifty-pounders, and if they hang together until they are seniors, they are going to be mighty hard to beat. We are counting on this Class making its mark all the way through the high school.

LAUNDRY

SEWING ROOM

"Bonjour Amis!"

Just our luck! Here it is time for our news and nothing to say. We are working hard trying to keep the cottage clothes clean.

Since school has started you can hear nothing but Latin and French down here. All of the Sophs are saying "Bonus-a-um" and the Juniors are saying "Comment." What these words mean you can figure out for yourself. Very few of us know ourselves.

By the way I guess everbody has noticed Grace's new haircut. You will have to give Elizabeth Savage the credit as she loaned her the money. (Ha, Ha.)

Fannie Whitlow, our baby, is working real hard trying to keep up with her "big sisters."

Rachel Dowless has come over from the Baby Cottage and we are very glad to have her as one of our select laundry girls.

Miss Ford, our matron, is as well as usual. She has been away for the week end and we know she enjoyed her visit home.

The rest of us (Abbie Roper, Mary Alice and Eloise Motte and Elizabeth Bobbit) are doing as much as usual.

Au Revoir, LAUNDRY GIRLS

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Sewing room starting, school starting, vacation stopping—thus another year begins. Since our new force has come in there has been so much talking no one knows what has been said or done.

We are counting on our football team because we have been fixing sweatshirts for them. If they play as hard as we worked to fix the shirts there will be no question about it. We are also training our voices with the machines to back them up.

Irene Bolden learned to type and sew the same day, but when she came in the sewing room she began to peck instead of peddle.

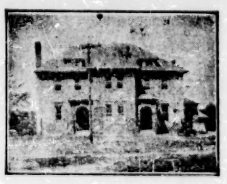
I am listening in on the discussion of "Senior Dignity." They have decided that Sarah Coates is the most dignified. "Who knows?"

—P. O. H.—

NEWCOMERS

We have been in the habit of taking pictures of every new child that came to the Orphanage; but this year, somehow, we have overlooked this, so we are just showing here a few samples of the forty-odd children received during the year. They come from all parts of the state. There is one from Caburrus; two form Rowan ; one from Gaston; one from Iredell County and two from Nash.

ALEXANDER *and* DAIRY



Well here we are again studying we are glad that school has started and are going to try to make our grades and win the prize offered this year.

J.R.Little said he was going to win the scholarship medal. He said he was in the Kindergarten and is going to lead his class.

We have lots of pigeons down here these days. We have a new matron down here and we all like him, his name is Lee West. Parker Lyons has a wicked swing. He hit at Ralph Spencer and hit the wall.

Ed Siskron, our sheik, tore a hole in his sock and sent all the way to Charlotte to get a needle and thread to sew it up.

THE VOCCAR TENDERS.

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DETOUR MAKES DIFFERENCE

She—"Men are all alike—whatever you say to them goes in one ear and out the other."

He—"And what is said to a woman goes in one ear and out of the mouth."

HARD WORKER

Visitor—"How long has that office boy worked for you?"

Boss—"About four hours."

Visitor—"Four hours! Why I thought he had been here a long time."

Boss—"Oh, yes he has been here for nine years."

GOOD MEASURE

Sam—"Dat sho' is a spifocatin' shirt you all got on, Mose. Ah is gwine to have Mandy make me one. How many yahds did it take?"

Mose—"How many yahds? Lawzee, Ah gits me three lak it outen one yahd las night."

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CLOTHING MONEY

On April 23, 1928 Relief Circle, King's Daughters, Salisbury should have been credited to clothing and not general support. $25.00

Aux. Howard Mem.	22.50
Aux. Howard Mem., Mrs. B. Marby Hart	5.00
E. P. Hege, Jr., Winston-Salem	38.00
Total	$176.26